

REMARKS

Claims 3, 10, 11, 23, 24, 35, 38-40, 46, and 53-78, are all the claims pending in the application. Claims 1, 2, 4-9, 12-22, 25-34, 36, 41-45, and 47-52, have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer to pursuit in a continuation application. Reconsideration and allowance of all the claims are respectfully requested in view of the following remarks.

Allowable Subject Matter

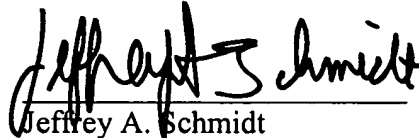
Applicants thank the Examiner for indicating that 23, 24, and 53-78 are allowed, as well as that claims 3, 10, 11, 35, 38-40, and 46, would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Accordingly, to expedite prosecution of this application, Applicants have rewritten claims 3, 10, 11, 35, 38, 39, 40, and 46, in independent form. Accordingly, these claims, and the claims dependent thereon, should now be in condition for immediate allowance together with claims 23, 24, and 53-78.

Conclusion

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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